

**Metro Codes Urban Forestry Division** is responsible for the review of landscape plans and enforcement of the Tree & Landscape Ordinance.

The division's focus is the protection of existing trees and the continued planting of quality trees in Davidson County.

In developments other than single-family or duplex residential properties, an approved landscape plan is required prior to issuance of a building permit.

After construction has been completed, an Urban Forestry inspection will be performed to insure compliance and coordination with the approved landscape plan.

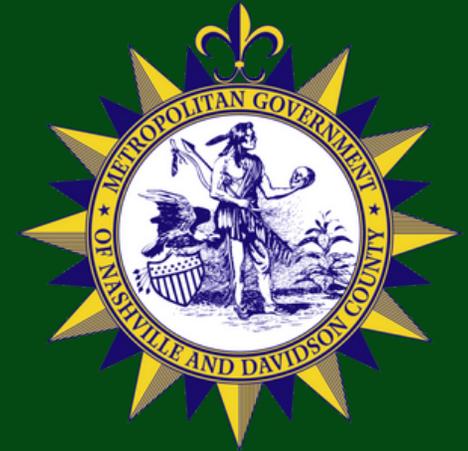


**Scan the QR code below to view Urban Forestry's landscape plan requirements, tree protection guide, and inspection report checklist**



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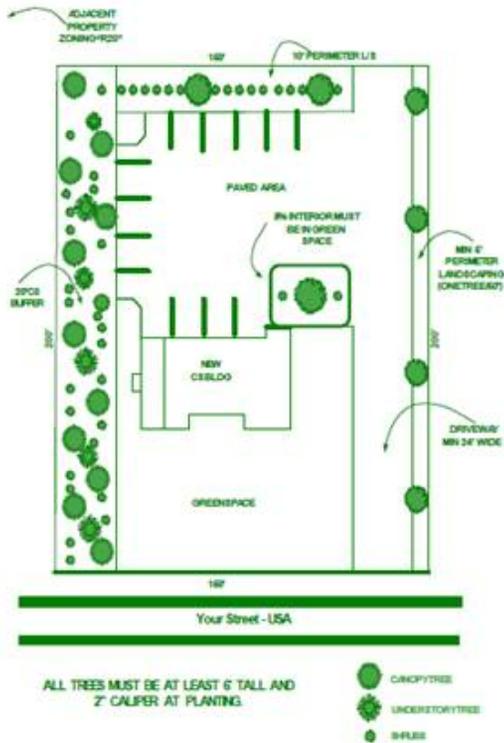
## **Urban Forestry Division**



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## EXAMPLE LANDSCAPE PLAN



The above Landscape Plan is a diagram which shows perimeter and interior landscaping and a buffer yard.

A diagram such as this will be required when requesting issuance of a permit

## LANDSCAPE PLAN REQUIREMENTS

Prior to grading, insure that any required tree protection fencing has been inspected by Urban Forestry personnel. If grading begins before the inspection is made, a revised plan will be required for the project.

Provide plant list with common names, quantities and sizes. All trees must be minimum 2" caliper and appropriate height for the species (6 foot minimum), and meet ANSI Standards for Nursery Stock at time of planting. Tree protection fencing shall be 4' tall chain-link fencing installed at the drip-line of trees to remain or at a minimum of 10' radius.

Always provide 2 copies of landscape plans that include the completed Tree Density Worksheet. For projects greater than 5,000 square feet, a landscape architect stamp must be included.

All proposed and existing overhead utilities, parking lot light locations, detention facilities, utility easements, parking spaces and finished topography must be included on plans.

Include an up to date planting detail for trees and shrubs that DOES NOT show tree staking or guying.

If a dumpster is to be used, show location & screening materials. Enclosure must be opaque and of sufficient height to fully screen dumpster.

Show perimeter landscaping strip around parking areas. Install a minimum of one tree for every 50' of frontage and a continuous row of evergreen shrubs (18" minimum). Strips along 4 travel lanes must be 10' wide, less than 4 lanes are 5' wide. Show interior landscaping for parking areas. This includes one canopy tree for every 15 parking spaces, and a greenspace of 8% for all paved areas.

Show how all required plantings will be maintained. Choices include an automatic, timed irrigation system or hose attachments no more than 100' from required plantings.

Show the zoning for the subject parcel and the surrounding parcels.

## TREE REMOVAL PERMITS

A tree removal permit is required whenever a tree or trees are to be removed, and are greater than 6" in diameter.

This may be waived if the property is zoned for Single Family Residence or Duplex Residence, or a valid building permit has been issued